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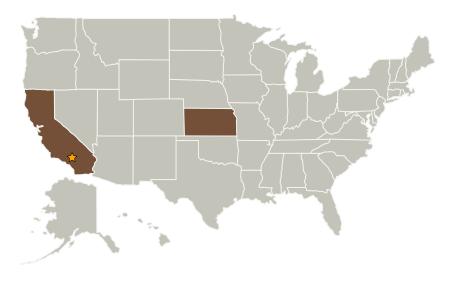
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Project Introduction

A method for providing endurance enhancement for unmanned aerial vehicles based on atmospheric phenomena is presented. The proposed method allows the UAV to sense certain atmospheric phenomena, and adapt itself to exploit these phenomena. The Phase I effort consists of understanding the physics of such flight, and developing the control laws for enabling the UAV to exploit these atmospheric phenomena. Flight tests are planned for Phase II, where the control laws will be further refined.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Armstrong Flight Research Center(AFRC)	Lead	NASA	Edwards,
	Organization	Center	California
Jacobs Engineering Group,	Supporting	Industry	Dallas,
Inc.	Organization		Texas

Primary U.S. Work Locations	
California	Kansas



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Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Center / Facility:

Armstrong Flight Research Center (AFRC)

Responsible Program:

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer



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Project Management

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Technology Areas

Primary:

TX15 Flight Vehicle Systems
 TX15.1 Aerosciences
 TX15.1.3 Aeroelasticity

